

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A REINFORCING STRUCTURE FOR TYRES OF VEHICLES, as follows:

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/897,493, filed July 3, 2001, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/11598, filed November 21, 2000, in the European Patent Office; additionally, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/176,630, filed January 19, 2000, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of all of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

On page 2, line 2, please add section subheading --Description of the Related Art
-- before the paragraph beginning "A tyre for vehicle wheels"

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On page 4, line 9, please add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- before the paragraph beginning "The Applicant has however noted"

On page 8, line 2, please add section heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- before the paragraph beginning "Further features and advantages"

On page 8, line 22, please add section heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS-- before the paragraph beginning "With reference to the aforementioned figures"

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 19, with the following new paragraph:

Further provided are transversal actuation devices, also not shown since they can be obtained in any convenient manner, operating for instance between the guide structure 13 and the blocks 12 to translate the pressure elements 11 between a first operative condition wherein, as shown in Figure [[13]] 3, they are mutually approached and a second operative condition wherein, as shown in Figure 4, they are removed relative to an equatorial plane of the toroidal support 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 11, with the following new paragraph:

The intervention is then commanded of the cutting organ 7, which cuts the strip-like segment 5. In this circumstance, the auxiliary holding elements 14 hold the strip-like segment 5, transversely laid in a position substantially ~~centred~~ centered relative to the equatorial plane of the toroidal support 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 11, with the following new paragraph:

In each meridian ~~[[plan]]~~ plane of the toroidal support 3, the circumferential amplitude of each segment 5 will have a value which, multiplied times the number of segments laid to complete the belt layer, yields a result corresponding to the circumferential development measurable on the toroidal support 3 in the meridian plane in question.

At page 28 (presently numbered page 1), please delete the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE in its entirety, and replace it with the new ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE that is set forth on a new, separate page 28 enclosed herewith.

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